

# THE ARMY FAMILY COVENANT: WHAT IT MEANS TO SINGLE SOLDIERS

■ **BARRACKS IMPROVEMENTS** The Army's barracks investment strategy is to address Life, Health and Safety (Triage), look for ways to accelerate the Barracks Upgrade Program (BUP) and achieve basic quality of life by an amber rating.

❖ **First Sergeant's Barracks Initiative** (FSBI) will standardize barracks management Army-wide and enhances single Soldier quality of life, reduces overall unprogrammed single Soldier Basic Allowance for Housing, maximizes barracks utilization while reducing the number of Certificates of Nonavailability and reallocates Soldier time from non-war fighting tasks.

❖ **Barracks Modernization Program** (BMP) In FY08 the Army will have built or modernized 13,300 barracks spaces for about \$1.84 Billion. BMP currently has funded a total \$9.4 Billion for permanent party barracks through FY07 and is funding \$2.2 Billion in FY 2008 for permanent party barracks construction, renovation, and modernization. All newly constructed barracks are fully equipped with new furnishings.

❖ **Training Barracks Program** (TBMP) will allow for 67,800 Soldiers to get out of dilapidated and poorly configured barracks. \$548.8M has been programmed for the National Guard and Reserves Training Barracks.

❖ **RCI Privatized Senior Enlisted Unaccompanied Personnel Housing.** The Army has expanded the RCI model to include Unaccompanied Senior Enlisted/Officer Quarters (USEQ/UOQ) apartments at 5 installations due to the shortage of adequate/affordable off-post rentals.

■ **DEPLOYED SUPPORT** We have 12 deployed Morale, Welfare and Recreation (MWR) personnel on the ground in Iraq serving Soldiers; deployed professionals serve 179 days. These individual's primary function is to develop and conduct fitness, sports and recreation programs for the troops during their off-duty time. Soldiers have received the following:

- ❖ **Small Unit Recreation Kits** (sports equipment and recreational games)
- ❖ **Electronic Game Kits** (play-station II, X-box)
- ❖ **Video Messenger Kits** (Video camera, DVD-VCR visual display for recording messages and reading children's books to mail home)
- ❖ **Theater-in-a-Box** (large screen, DVD/Video Player, projection unit, etc.)
- ❖ **Paperback book Kits**
- ❖ **Play away Kits** (Self-contained audio books no larger than an iPod)
- ❖ **Service Level Kits** (basic fitness, sports, and recreation equipment for Battalion sized elements)
- ❖ **Internet Cafés**

